

SENATE BILL 9051

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Title 29 and Title 50, Chapter 6,  
relative to injuries caused by vaccination.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-34-802(a)(1)(A), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(A) Implementing policies and procedures to prevent or minimize the spread of COVID-19; provided, however, that "arising from COVID-19" does not include implementing policies or procedures that require employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment or continued employment;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 34, Part 8, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A person who suffers injury as a result of receiving a COVID-19 vaccination or inoculation and who received the vaccination or inoculation because of an employment requirement established by the person's employer may seek remedy in the chancery court for the county in which the person resides. The court may award the person damages for the injury, including, but not limited to, medical expenses, lost wages, and reasonable attorney's fees.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. Section 1 of this act is repealed on July 1, 2022, but continues to apply to claims arising before that date.